Canada
Coast Guard
Garde côtière
NANUK

The Nahidik Way

We take the spring to make all fine
To paint and clean and make brass shine
For a month or more to get things ready
We work and toil beside the jetty

And then in June there comes a day
We let go our ropes and steam away
And I myself, stand a quiver
to bid adieu to old Hay River

Across the lake we set a course
To take us to the thawing North
Inuvik, Tuk or Coppermine
We'll reach them all, spare ice or time

To mark the way for all who try
To reach this land of ice and sky
When weather turns and the ice comes back
We set the course for the southward track

Up the river past many a fort
To take us to our winter port
To see that place will make us happy
Though very tired and very scrappy

To do this all each has his reason
Most will be back for another season
For many years some will stay
For that's all part of the Nahidik way.

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Special River Navaids Tender
Engaged in Type 700 work

Built:	1974 by Allied Ship Builders, N. Vancouver
Based:	Hay River District, NWT
Propulsion:	Twin screw, geared diesel
Draft:	1.98 m
Length:	53.35 m
Breadth:	15.24 m
Power:	3,206 kW
Max. speed:	14 knots
Crew:	15

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Baliseur spécial de rivière
Engagé dans le travail de type 700

Construit:	1974 par Allied Ship Builders, Vancouver N.
Base:	District de Hay River (T.N.-O.)
Propulsion:	Moteur diesel, deux hélices
Tirant d'eau:	1,98 m
Longueur:	53,35 m
Largeur:	15,24 m
Puissance:	3,206 kW
Vitesse max:	14 noeuds
Equipage:	15